

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

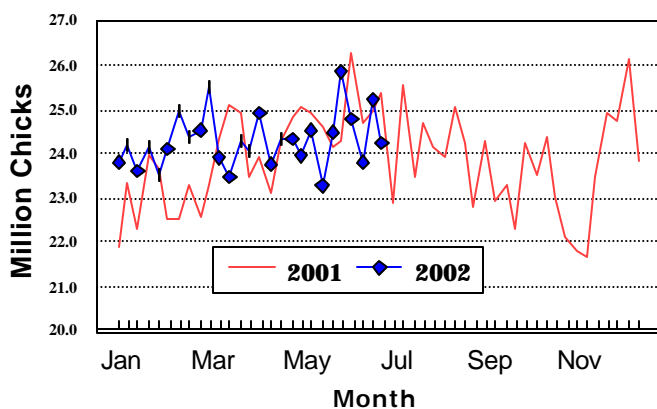
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.3 million during the week ending July 6, 2002. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and also down 4 percent from the previous week, and included 2.62 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through July 6, 2002 were 656.3 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.4 million, down fractionally from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.34 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.3 percent.

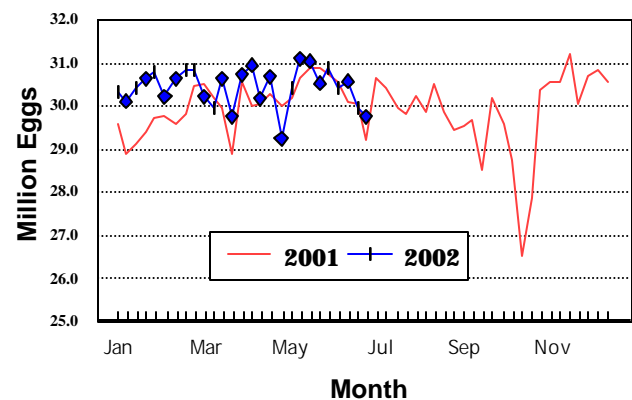
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 6, 2002, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
June 1	24,144	24,514	102	25,100	25,320	101	30,900	30,531	99
June 8	24,301	25,846	106	25,523	25,986	102	30,740	30,870	100
June	26,284	24,784	94	25,758	25,846	100	30,578	30,448	100
June	24,688	23,822	96	25,738	25,422	99	30,126	30,594	102
June	24,966	25,209	101	25,620	25,606	100	30,055	29,971	100
July	25,365	24,268	96	25,454	25,365	100	29,204	29,741	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	15-Jun	22-Jun	29-Jun	06-Jul	%	01-Jun	08-Jun	15-Jun	22-Jun	29-Jun	06-Jul	%
Alabama	29,149 *	28,913	28,535	29,240	104	22,280	22,467	22,064	22,081	22,541	21,896	102
ARKANSAS	30,448	30,594	29,971	29,741	102	24,514	25,846	24,784	23,822	25,209 *	24,268	96
Delaware	3,623	3,422	3,416	3,478	100	5,705	5,648	5,362	5,259	4,988	5,351	114
Florida	2,364	2,367	2,367	2,358	97	2,349	2,315	2,458	2,491	2,383	2,417	96
Georgia	32,672	31,898	32,415 *	31,738	103	26,893	26,542	25,748	26,134	25,978 *	26,659	101
Kentucky	6,939	6,255	6,332	6,673	108	5,292	5,479	5,631	5,876	5,373	5,586	106
Maryland	9,962	10,082	9,385	9,849	101	5,428	5,861	6,315	6,721	6,771	6,357	101
Mississippi	19,130	18,844	18,550	18,740	100	15,554	16,183	16,113	16,150	16,108	15,968	103
N. Carolina	18,234 *	18,896	18,361	18,397	102	15,453	15,912	15,243	15,558	15,555	14,672	106
Oklahoma	6,763	6,906	6,698	6,505	111	4,815	4,821	4,870	4,571	4,525	4,857	119
Pennsylvania	4,041	3,885	3,902 *	3,990	105	2,527	2,693	2,756	2,737	2,760 *	2,861	106
S. Carolina	4,758	4,786	4,714	4,649	93	3,636	3,498	4,607	3,741	4,028	3,957	102
Texas	15,247 *	14,658 *	14,492 *	15,148	102	12,292	12,121 *	12,147 *	12,282 *	12,199 *	12,195	103
Virginia	6,395	6,371	6,086	6,499	100	6,036	5,764	5,316	5,078	4,863	5,366	90
CALAMOTN,WV	20,693 *	20,093 *	19,962 *	20,495	104	20,022	19,109 *	19,339 *	19,989 *	18,858 *	19,802	98
Total 2002	210,418*	207,970 *	205,186 *	207,500		172,796	174,259 *	172,753*	172,490 *	172,139 *	172,212	
Total 2001	209,074	204,020	202,627	202,616		171,364	171,583	173,304	170,489	170,027	169,801	
% Prev. Year	101	102	101	102		101	102	100	101	101	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						20-Jul	27-Jul	03-Aug	10-Aug	17-Aug	24-Aug	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 208 million eggs during the week ending July 6, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 6, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through July 6, 2002 were 4.60 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.